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In Re Application of:

Shridhar P. Joshi

Application No.: 09/965,163

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For: Gaming Machine With Sweepstakes
Entry Dispenser

Atty. Docket No.: 47079-00117

Examiner: Alex P. Rada

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2003. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by March 4, 2004, and this response is being submitted within that period. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 13 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

An appendix including the replacement sheet is attached following page 20 of this paper.